

**To:** William Tookey[sanjuancounty@frontier.net]  
**From:** Way, Steven  
**Sent:** Mon 3/10/2014 6:11:52 PM  
**Subject:** RE: San Juan County Commissioner Meeting (April 23) - EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Willy,

One item that I intended to respond to among the questions posed is regarding the proposed actions at the Red n Bonita. The question generated from the ARSG meeting that you provided is below.

“From comments made at the Stakeholders meeting one could conclude that with a bulkhead in the Red and Bonita and the development of a designed wetlands might provide the necessary cleanup for the Animas without superfund designation. Is that a correct assumption? “

If it is decided that a bulkhead is appropriate, this is not by itself, expected to be sufficient to reduce the metals concentrations and loads in the Animas River. The comments made regarding the reduction in metals being significant relative to the standards is that at certain times, such as observed in October 2012, certain metals may be reduced to below the standards – if the bulkhead resulted in complete removal of that source.

The main point of that presentation was to show that the Red and Bonita is a significant contributor to the water quality problem in the Animas, especially during the base flow such as in October. By no means did I intend to convey that the Red and Bonita is the only significant source or that dealing with that alone will correct the condition in the Animas through all seasons of any given year.

Hopefully this will help with any uncertainty on this before we meet, and I apologize for any confusion that was caused on this subject.

Steve

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**From:** William Tookey [mailto:sanjuancounty@frontier.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2014 2:25 PM  
**To:** Way, Steven  
**Subject:** Re: San Juan County Commissioner Meeting (April 23) - EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hi Steve,

We really appreciate you making the effort to meet with the Commissioners.

I will pencil you into the agenda for 7:00 pm on April 23rd. I have you scheduled for 1 hr. If you think you will need more time let me know.

Willy

**From:** Way, Steven

**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2014 12:12 PM

**To:** William Tookey

**Subject:** RE: San Juan County Commissioner Meeting (April 23) - EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hello Willy,

At this time, it appears that the Commission meeting scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the evening is the best date for our schedules. Someone will confirm this with you in the near future, but for

now this appears to work for us.

Thank you for your patience in coordinating this meeting. Please, let me know if this is still an open time for the commissioners.

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**From:** William Tookey [<mailto:sanjuancounty@frontier.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 9:08 AM  
**To:** Way, Steven  
**Subject:** Re: EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hi Steve,

Whatever date works best for you is fine. If March doesn't work (12th or 26th), our daytime meeting in April is on the 9th and the evening meeting is on the 23rd.

I think the last Stakeholders meeting provided the Commissioners with a lot of good information.

I expect that some of the items the Commissioners would like to discuss would include:

What would be the role of the Commissioners if it is decided to seek Superfund designation?

If there were a superfund designation when could the cleanup work proceed?

Does the EPA have a preferred solution for cleaning up the site?

If not, what process would be used for making that determination and what role would the Stakeholders have in the process?

If Sunnyside was involved in litigation would the cleanup proceed or would it be halted until the litigation was completed?

If available, an update on the status of the Sunnyside/EPA liability issue.

From comments made at the Stakeholders meeting one could conclude that with a bulkhead in the Red and Bonita and the development of a designed wetlands might provide the necessary cleanup for the Animas without superfund designation. Is that a correct assumption? What would be the timeframe and process for completing the bulkhead and wetlands? Where is the funding coming from and when would we know if it was successful? If it doesn't work what is plan B?

I believe the Commissioners are in a place where they really want to see something happening.

I think ultimately what the Commissioners want to know is where are we going, how are we going to get there, how long will it take, how much will it cost, who is going to pay for it and if we don't like where we are when we get there then what do we do.

Just some simple basic questions of which I'm confident you will have all the answers.

If you have any questions please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

Willy

**From:** [Way, Steven](#)

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:25 PM

**To:** [William Tookey](#)

**Subject:** RE: EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Willy,

I will try to confirm in the next couple days if that will work – versus the late March date. It would be helpful to get a better understanding of what the commissioners want to cover in that meeting.

Let me know when a good time is to call you. My schedule is pretty full this week with our annual required training event for emergency response, etc. Early AM and late work though.

Thanks,

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**From:** William Tookey [<mailto:sanjuancounty@frontier.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 9:27 AM  
**To:** Way, Steven  
**Subject:** Re: EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hi Steve,

I have you tentatively scheduled for the Commissioners Agenda for March 12 at 9:30 am. If that doesn't work for you let me know.

Thanks,

Willy

**From:** Way, Steven

**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 4:15 PM

**To:** administrator@sanjuancountycolorado.us

**Subject:** EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hello Willy,

It has been a while since we communicated and I am going to be in Silverton next week so I wanted to touch base. We have an ARSG meeting Thursday afternoon, and if any of the commissioners are interested in an update, I would be happy to do that possibly before the ARSG meeting. Certainly other dates in the future can be looked at if next week is not convenient.

If you have a minute to call me, we can discuss if this might be of interest.

Thank you,

Steve

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